

SEN. PENROSE NOT SIMS MADE BASIC NAVAL CHARGES

DANIELS ASSERTS SOME INFORMANT IMPOSED ON PENROSE—SIMS MUST BE PLAGIARIST—ANSWER TO SIMS COVERS MATTER.

Washington, May 18.—Senator Penrose, Republican, Pennsylvania, and not Rear Admiral Sims, originated the basic charges against the navy department contained in the admiral's letter of January 7, Secretary Daniels asserted today before the Senate Committee investigating the naval conduct of the war. Mr. Daniels recalled that the Senator in a speech in the Senate August 24, 1918, declared that procrastination on the part of the Secretary delayed the termination of the war at least three months, cost \$15,000,000,000 and many lives.

The words used by Senator Penrose were almost identical with those used by Admiral Sims more than a year later, Mr. Daniels said.

"Either Admiral Sims is a plagiarist and appropriated his views and charges from Senator Penrose, or by the new science of mental telepathy, the views of the senator were communicated to Admiral Sims," declared Mr. Daniels. "Penrose comes from Pennsylvania and Sims was appointed to the naval academy from that state. Did they collaborate or exchange mental telegrams?"

The committee might have "saved thousands of reams of paper and hundreds of thousands of words" by investigating Penrose's charges, the witness said.

Senator Penrose "was imposed upon by some informant almost as reckless in his figures as Admiral Sims was in his accusations," Mr. Daniels continued. "It is also worthy of note," he said, "that at the very time Penrose was making this speech, Sims was writing to Captain Pratt threatening an investigation of the conduct of the war."

Mr. Daniels said he would not answer the Penrose charges at length, even though he had just learned of them, because his answer to Admiral Sims covered the matter fully. He devoted the rest of the day to a resume of the navy department's war construction activities comprising approximately 1,000 vessels, nearly three times as many as there were in the entire navy when the war started. He paid high tribute to Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief constructor, who he said had no superior in the world.

BISHOP GIVES ANNUAL REPORT AT CONVENTION

APPROPRIATION CUT IN TWO

The advisory committee, after hearing the city fathers on the matter of Warrenite appropriations, cut a list which called for expenditures of \$700,000 to \$300,000. The Plaza will not be paved this season. No provision was made for the Boulevard extension at Seaside park.

There was much division of opinion among the committee, and for some days it looked as if no appropriation would be made for Warrenite.

The streets to be paved are largely those upon which curb and gutter have been set. They follow: Black Rock avenue, entire length; Cottage street, entire length; Beechwood avenue, from Clinton to Hancock; Istanian avenue, from Benham to North Jones avenue; James street to Lexington avenue; Willard street, entire length; Steuben street, entire length; Barnum avenue, from Central to city line; Logan street, from Stratford avenue northward 450 square yards; Logan street, from Stratford avenue to Carrie street; Lindley street, from Hunting street to North avenue; 12,100 square yards on Vine street; Housatonic avenue, east side, from East Washington to North Washington avenues; and Scofield avenue, entire length.

NEED SANCTION OF THIS COUNTRY

Allied Circles Counting on Co-operation of United States.

Paris, May 18.—Co-operation by the United States is counted upon by allied circles and particularly by the French, for success of the scheme of liquidation of war debts and reparations, the principles of which were laid down by Premier Lloyd George and Millerand at the recent conference in Hythe.

The viewpoint of French official circles is that the German bond issue on which the whole plan rests must largely be accepted by the United States in payment of French debts or the system will fail.

Great Britain's acceptance of these bonds in payment of the debt of France also depends upon their acceptance by the United States.

The principles of the plan as sketched by the French and British premiers will be referred to Washington as well as to the allies for approval.

CONTESTED DIVORCE CASES. On account of the crowded condition of the divorce calendar in this county, Judge Milton A. Shumway, State Referee, will hear the contested divorce cases at the County Court House on May 25.

7 SOVIETS PLANNED TO KILL

Only Awaiting Success of General Strike.

Paris, May 18.—Soviet rule in France was to have been established if the revolutionary strikes inaugurated on May 1 had succeeded, according to the French police, who said today they had obtained complete evidence of this from documents they have secured.

The police declared the bulk of this evidence was found among the papers seized at the residence of Boris Souvarine, a Socialist editor who was arrested yesterday on the charge of having plotted against the safety of the state. Other evidence, they state, was found at the home of Etienne Beveaux, one of the secretaries of the Federation of Railroadmen who was arrested yesterday morning.

The police claim that seven Soviets had been established and were awaiting the success of the strike to blow south as local governments in Orleans, Tours, Brest, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Strasbourg and Paris, ready to take up the leadership and control of affairs had the strikes proved effective.

The secretary to Police Inspector Charles Ducrocq, declared this afternoon that he had sufficient evidence to cause the arrest of ten of twelve of the extraneous leaders on charge of plotting against France under Article 58 of the criminal code, the article used in the prosecution of former Premier Caillaux.

Diamonds, rubies and sapphires from bank accounts showing huge deposits of rubles in Copenhagen banks for Souvarine and Charles Rapoport one of the leaders of the extremist movement in France are reported to have been unearthed by the police.

Rapoport, who was a candidate for the chamber of deputies in the November elections said today he expected to be arrested, and declared it was true that the aim of the May Day strikes was the overthrow of the legislative rule of France.

"Why should we not use Bolshevik gold when British and French gold is used to fight us in Russia?" said Rapoport. "I accuse Jouhaux (president of the general federation labor) of having sold us into the hands of the government. Jouhaux is a reactionary Bourgeois. We are revolutionary Socialists."

TWO LOTS OF LIQUOR SEIZED

Federal Agents Capture 150 Gallons of Whiskey.

Torrington, May 18.—Charles J. Waidie, claiming to be a federal revenue agent, was taken into custody by Torrington police this morning when he arrived in Torrington on a truck carrying 150 gallons of bonded whiskey. The driver Thomas F. Bowe of New Haven was also arrested. Waidie, when accosted by an official displaying a badge and other credentials supporting his claim that he was a revenue officer. He claimed that he was on the way from Albany to New York city with the whiskey. The truck is a Connecticut machine registered in the name of Antonio Cusano of Clintonville. The driver and driver are held on instructions from Julius C. Stremlau, state director of prohibition enforcement.

Meriden, Conn., May 18.—The local police after an auto chase through the city this forenoon overtook a car in which three men were alleged to be transporting whiskey. They seized eleven gallons, ten of them in tin pails and one in a bottle, all wrapped in burlap and were holding the men for the federal authorities. The pursuing detectives drew their guns when they got abreast the men on Pratt street and forced them into the curb. They described themselves as Angelo DiCicco, 28, New Haven; Tony Demartino, 25, New Haven, public service driver and Salvatore Desentorie, 26, Bristol, Conn. One of the men said they bought the liquor in New York for \$16 a gallon and were on their way to Bristol with it.

FORCED REAR WINDOW. By forcing a rear window, burglars gained entrance to a barber shop owned by Joseph Dimon, 117 Middle street last night. The thieves made off with nine razors and two clippers. The robbery has been reported to the police.

tion begins with standing merely to listen to the elaborate solo rendering of the sublime hymn Te Deum which in fact becomes what is in popular parlance termed tedium. Again I must express conviction that there ought to be in our services nothing that is not understood of the people.

The largest item in the budget is the proposed increase in salaries to the poorly-paid clergy. The bishop thought there could be further reasonable revision of the budget, but above all there should be a vision of opportunity to rise above ignoble selfishness and petty parochialism to the height of the Church's Mission. "Never was there drier need of those diving treasurers," said Bishop Brewster. "Vast multitudes of human beings in Europe and the Near East are starving, including millions of children innocent of wrong. . . . Our own land is shaken with antagonism and strife. The time is out of joint and mere human power seems impotent to set it right. Meanwhile many in our midst are groping for light, with itching ears turning aside to fables and basking themselves to gross incredulities. It is time for the Church to go forth as an army to win victory over want and wrong and bring deliverance and peace to a war-torn world."

T MEET STORAGE OF LABOR

Urged That Immigration Laws Be Modified.

New York, May 18.—Temporary modification of the immigration laws to permit an influx of desirable immigrants to meet America's labor shortage was urged here today by U. S. Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, in an address before the National Manufacturers' Association. He also advocated a process of Americanization to prevent new immigrants from falling under the spell of world wide anarchists and Bolsheviks.

Quoting Commissioner of Immigration Caminetti as stating that the radicals have "a wonderful organization for capturing each immigrant almost at the moment of landing, and bringing him under their influence," the senator said that less than six weeks is needed to prepare "his mind for welcome reception of Communist doctrines."

In urging modification of the immigration laws, the senator said, he did not mean to "open the doors to an indiscriminate horde of newcomers," adding that undesirable must not be admitted and that "none shall be permitted to become an undesirable after his entry."

"Moreover, against such undesirable who may filter through," he added, "I would apply every law for deportation without the tenderness apparently shown for radicals and Bolsheviks by officials of the present administration."

America needs common labor in all of its industrial fields, Senator Edge declared, adding that "industries of all kinds are handicapped and in some instances almost crippled" by the shortage of workers.

He said that this was mainly due to "the graduation of elemental American workers to higher spheres of work." "There need be no fear of immigrant labor lowering the American wage scales," Senator Edge asserted, adding that "it seems more likely that these new comers actually will be able to do what the native workers cannot do."

Victim Lured TO HIS DEATH
Expect Important Developments In Murder Case.

That important developments will soon occur in the Stanislaw Skolniewich murder case, was intimated today by Sergeant Frank Virelli of the State Police. Sergeant Virelli would not disclose what further information has been gained on the killing but said this morning that "something might happen today."

From information gathered by the police it seems that the murder victim went to his work at the Crane Valve Co's plant Friday and worked all day. At quitting time he went to a local cafe and remained there until near midnight. He was last seen at 12 o'clock Friday night near the corner of Main and State streets. It is believed that the man was in an intoxicated condition at the time.

The police are now practically certain that Skolniewich was lured to the scene of his death by some person, or through an appointment which he had made with someone. He probably rode to Moody's bridge in a jitney or trolley car, and walked up the narrow lane to the point where his body was discovered. It is evident that the killing took place sometime between midnight Friday and 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Skolniewich was an unmarried man and had no close relatives in Bridgeport. He was termed a "free spender" by his friends, and was not known to have any enemies. The victim boarded at the home of Antoni Patkaski, in Choppy Hill road, and was last seen there Friday morning when he left for work.

DEADLOCKED ON ARMY BILL

Washington, May 18.—A deadlock on the army reorganization bill was reached today by the Senate and House conferees. Senate provisions to reorganize the force caused the breach and the question will be brought before the House for a vote.

The disagreement, Chairman Wadsworth of the Senate managers said, came despite an offer from the Senate side to strike out the Senate provisions for voluntary military training of youths between 18 and 21 years of age.

MERGE WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
New Haven, Conn., May 18.—The Civic Federation, an organization of more than twenty years work for civic betterment, last night voted to merge into the chamber of commerce and hereafter to work as a department of the latter body. Although having a membership of over a thousand and the vote to merge was 17 to 1, Professor C. F. Kent of the Yale divinity school is the president, and its officers and committee members have always been among the most prominent men and women of the city. The federation had dealt with police, educational, recreation and social service problems.

REPORTS GO TO HOUSE

Committee Differs Over Muscle Shoals Plant.

Washington, May 18.—Two reports, one by Republicans condemning the government's entire war time nitrate program and charging reckless waste and extravagance and the other by Democrats defending it and charging partisan bias by the majority, were presented today to the House by a special committee which took up the investigation nearly a year ago.

Along with its 41 general condemnations of the government policy, the Republican majority comprising Chairman Graham, Illinois, and Representative Jeffries, Nebraska, submitted recommendations for future disposition of the Muscle Shoals plant, which Representative Garrett, Tennessee, the Democratic member, declared was beyond its province.

Mr. Garrett indicated he would make a point of order against the report on that ground. Members said this would open the way for the biggest political fight in the House since the war investigating committee was created.

Charging the Air Nitrates Corporation, builders of the Muscle Shoals plant, with failure to perform its contract, the majority recommended that no further sums be paid it on account and that civil suits be instituted for recovery and that the whole question of pay be threshed out in the court of claims. It also was recommended that the government pursue such remedies as might be decided by the attorney general.

After asking congress to sell materials stored at the Toledo and Cincinnati plants and retain the Sheffield, Ala., plant, the committee recommended that the government lease the deserted villages built for officers at Sheffield at a cost of \$12,000,000.

The principal recommendation by the majority related to the big Muscle Shoals plant, costing \$70,000,000. Being too valuable to scrap, the majority recommended that it be leased and converted into a fertilizer plant. The sale of products direct to farmers with the right of the government to take it over in time of threatened war.

JUDGE WALSH IMPOSES FINES

One Sentence Suspended If Accused Would Leave Country.

Judge John J. Walsh of Norwalk presided in the criminal side of the Court of Common Pleas, which resumed its May term today.

Isaac Speike of Stamford entered a plea of guilty to a charge of cruelty to animals and was fined \$25.

Stanley Yukna of this city on a plea of guilty to a charge of indecent behavior was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve a term of six months in jail. The execution of the jail sentence was suspended on condition that the accused leave this country by June 15.

His attorney told the court that he already had his passports for Lithuania and would leave immediately if the jail sentence was suspended.

Anthony Christiano, who appealed from a conviction for assault, resistance to a police officer and drunkenness which was imposed on him by the borough court of Greenwich, was given a flat fine of \$40, on his plea of guilty to assault.

Thomas Lally of Greenwich pleaded guilty to a charge of assault on John Scully and drunkenness. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for three months. The jail sentence was afterwards suspended.

NECESSARY TO CONTINUE SUIT

The suit of the Clover Manufacturing Company of Norwalk against the Central Trust Company of Norwalk was begun before Judge Howard J. Curtis in the Superior court this morning but was continued after it became evident that other testimony which could not be presented today was necessary to make out the plaintiff's case.

The attorney for the plaintiff informed the court that certain records of the plaintiff corporation were in a deposit vault in New York city and that they would be unable to produce them today. The case was adjourned to June 16.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF LABOR FEUD

Chicago, May 18.—The latest victim of Chicago labor feuds is John Kukulski, head of the stockyards labor council, who today was in a hospital suffering from wounds regarded as probably fatal. He was beaten and shot about midnight last night on his way home from a labor meeting.

Before losing consciousness Kukulski named two brother officials as the men he thought he recognized as his assailants. Recent charges and counter charges of embezzlement were said to have caused bitterness among stockyards labor leaders and were believed responsible for the attack.

Maryland rejected Johnson and California Hoover, and still it's no "even Steven."

ALDERMEN RAIDED CITY TREASURY AND RAISED OWN PAY

PROVISION IN CONSTITUTION SPECIFICALLY FORBIDDING SUCH PROCEDURE IS IGNORED—INCREASE DATES FROM JUNE 1.

The Aldermen raided the city treasury, last night, to the tune of \$900 each, when they voted themselves a salary of that amount, to begin June 1.

Article 24 of the Constitution of Connecticut says that "no city" shall increase the compensation of any public officer "to take effect during the continuance in office of any person whose salary might be increased thereby."

This apparently insuperable obstacle to a salary raid is not highly regarded by the lawyers of the aldermen, nor by the mayor, who is himself a lawyer.

The jurists among the aldermen are having a fine time arguing the constitution of the books. The favorite thesis runs as follows:

"An alderman now receives no compensation, hence it is not increasing his compensation to pay him \$900 per annum."

Besides the argument that \$900 is not more than nothing, reliance is placed in the decision by which the judges avoided Article 24 some years ago, in accepting a salary increase for themselves, while they were in office.

The matter came up on a report of the ordinance committee and the only member to oppose the plan was Alderman MacPayden. The ordinance calls for a salary of \$900 a year payable monthly, to take effect on June 1.

Alderman Hogan wanted an amendment, making the ordinance apply to the next Board of Aldermen on December 1, but this amendment was lost on a rising vote. There was no opposition on the question of allowing salaries, but the division of opinion came on the time the ordinance takes effect.

Fred C. Mullins, who was city clerk for nine years, said today: "I don't want to talk about the salary aldermen are going to get, but if I should ever be elected from my district, I would give half of the salary to St. Vincent's and the other half to Bridgeport." The Board of Aldermen passed the

BIRTHS FOR YEAR FAR OUTNUMBER DEATHS

The completion of one of the healthiest years in Bridgeport is contained in the annual report of the Department of Health issued today. The death rate of 11.9 per one thousand shows a marked decrease over previous years.

By references to the records of births, marriages and deaths some conception of the amount of detail involved will be gained. Births recorded for the year numbered 4,509, marriages 1,618 and deaths, 1,974. The increase of the present year of births over deaths is remarkable. The lowering of the death rate over previous years is attributed to the handling of the so-called Spanish influenza cases by the department in the past year.

THREE DIVORCE PETITIONS FILED

Three divorce petitions were returned to the office of the clerk of the Superior Court today.

Mary E. Harrison of Stamford claims a divorce from John Henry Harrison of New York city, alleging intolerable cruelty. Alimony to the amount of \$2,500 is also claimed. The property of the defendant located in Greenwich has been attached. The plaintiff's maiden name was Mary E. Jackson.

Gertrude Doelittle of Bridgeport wants a divorce from William D. Doelittle also of this city on the ground of desertion for more than three years, and also claims the custody of their eleven year old child.

Lillian Raymond of Norwalk demands a divorce from Walter Raymond, otherwise known as Walter Shaw, Walter Lockwood and Walter Gates on the ground of intolerable cruelty. The plaintiff also requests permission to resume her maiden name of Lillian DeGrasse.

STANLEY FIGURES IN COLLISION SETTLEMENT OF WAGE DISPUTE

Washington, May 18.—Settlement of the controversy over increased wage demands of anthracite coal miners which has extended over several weeks is expected by department of labor officials today or tomorrow. Concussions obtained by Secretary of Labor Wilson from both miners and operators during the conferences the officials said have made possible a peaceful settlement.

MISSING GIRL LOCATED.
New York, May 18.—Henrietta Pulte, 15 year old daughter of a wealthy Cuban cigar manufacturer, who disappeared from her home here April 11, has been found in Los Angeles, Cal., after a nationwide search, according to information received today at police headquarters. The girl's father will leave at once for the Pacific coast to bring her home.

American Derby Called Off.
Boston, May 18.—The \$10,000 American Derby, which was on the program of the Grand Circuit meeting at Readville in August, has been called off, it was announced today. Entries, which closed ten days ago, were too few to warrant a renewal this year of the classic race which for several seasons before the war was one of the feature events of the Grand Circuit.